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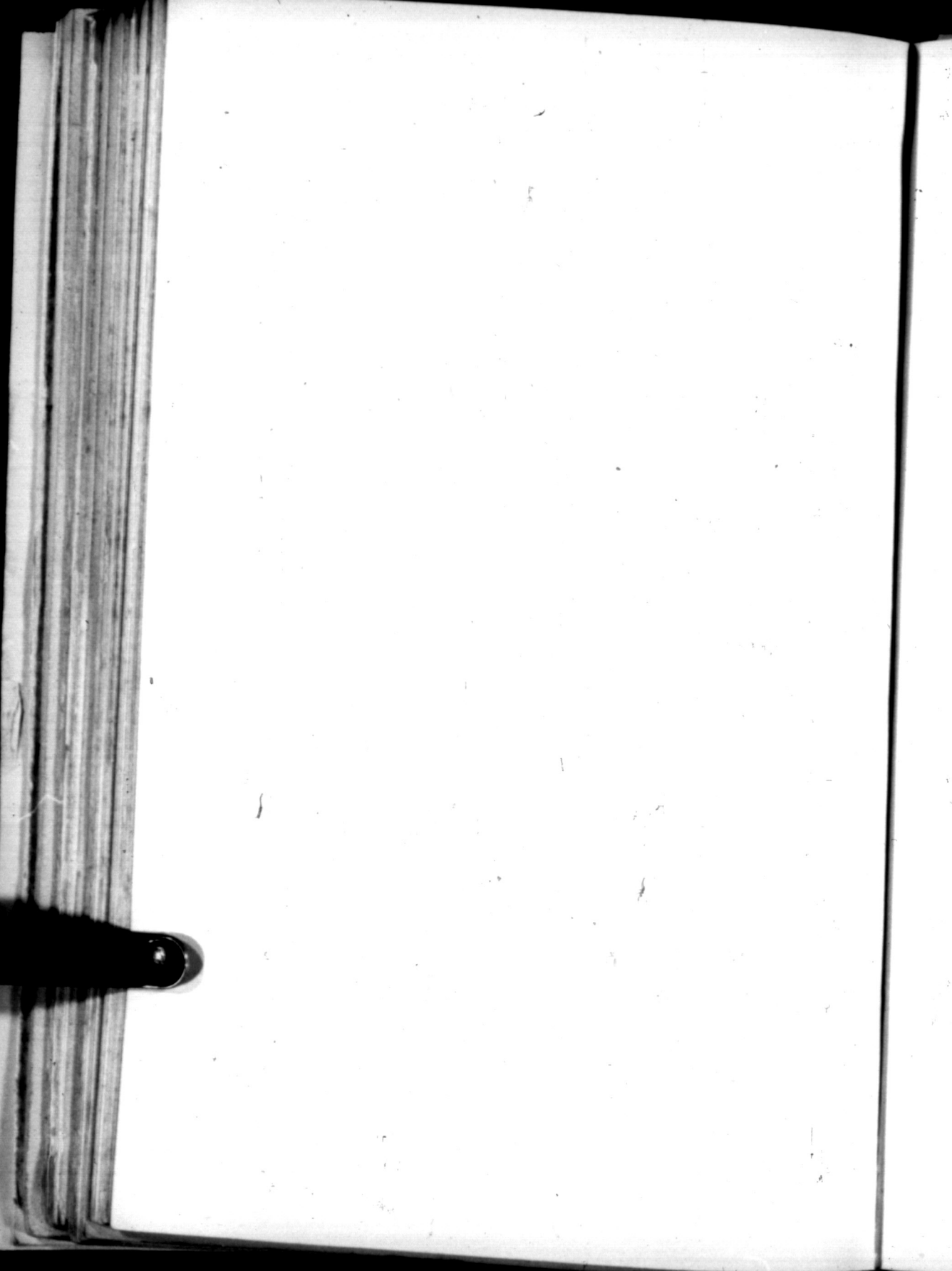
THE ARBOR GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Chickasaw County, Miss., Oct. 8 and 9, 1925



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MINUTES OF THE CHICKASAW COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

October 8, 1925

The Chickasaw County Baptist Association convened this day with the Arbor Grove Church.

The Association was called to order by Bro. J. S. Price, Moderator.

After reading a scripture lesson and prayer, the Association, by motion, went into the election of officers which resulted as follows:

Moderator—J. S. Price

Clerk—W. T. Quinn

Treasurer—T. A. House

The report of the Committee on Program was read as follows:

Report of Program Committee

THURSDAY MORNING

10:00 to 10:15—Devotional, J. S. Price

10:15 to 10:30—Roll Call of Churches and Messengers

10:30 to 10:45—Organization

10:45 to 11:15—General Work of the State Board of

Missions—Presented by representative E. E. Ballard

11:15 to 12:00—Associational Sermon, W. C. Stewart

NOON

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

1:15 to 1:30—Devotional, J. H. Ford

1:30 to 2:00—W. M. U. work presented by Miss M. M.

Lackey

2:00 to 2:15—Miscellaneous

Christian Education—

2:15 to 3:00—Report and General presentation, A. C. Furr

3:00 to 3:15—Blue Mountain Endowment, J. S. Price

3:15 to 3:45—Publications, Report and Presentation, E.

E. Ballard

3:45 to 4:00—Relief and Annuity Board Report, W. C.

Ballard

Adjourn

FRIDAY MORNING

- 10:00 to 10:15—Devotional, W. J. Stacy
10:15 to 11:15—State Missions
10:15 to 10:25—General Report, W. C. Stewart
10:25 to 10:30—W. M. U. Report, Mrs. J. C. Beasley
10:30 to 10:40—B. Y. P. U. Report, J. H. Ford
10:40 to 10:50—Sunday School, H. M. Collins
10:50 to 10:55—Hospital, W. A. Hamilton
10:55 to 11:00—Orphanage, Mrs. Spurgeon Allen
11:00 to 11:15—Discussion by W. C. Stewart
11:15 to 12:00—Home Missions
11:15 to 11:45—Report and Discussion by M. C. Putman
11:45 to 12:00—Miscellaneous
NOON

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:00 to 1:15—Devotional, E. Usher
1:15 to 1:45—Foreign Missions, Report and Discussion, by
J. F. Tully
1:45 to 2:15—Cooperative Program and Stewardship, W.
O. Blount
2:15 to 2:30—Digest of Associational Letters W. C. Ballard
2:30 to 3:00—Round table Discussion of our Problems, led
by Moderator
3:00 to 3:15—Report of Committees
Adjourn

On motion the program was adopted.

Roll of the Churches called. The Churches answered as follows:

- Arbor Grove—W. P. Doss, B. D. Pulliam, J. A. Martin, Jeff Pumphrey.
Bethel—W. J. Gordon, J. H. Lyles, T. A. House.
Center Hill—W. P. Winter, D. C. Chenault, J. S. Chenault, W. M. Helms.
Egypt—Mrs. C. L. Cain, J. T. Lyon, J. A. King, Sr.
Houlka—J. F. Thompson, W. E. Jamison, Mrs. W. E. Jamison, W. T. Turner, Mrs. J. F. Thompson, J. O. Howard.

Mt. Olive—J. B. Sullivan, J. J. Hill, Mrs. Hindman, C. T. Cook, Miss Letha May Bean.

Okolona—Rev. W. O. Blount, W. T. Quinn, L. R. Howell, Gay McManus, J. S. Price, Mrs. R. W. Chandler, Mrs. Lon Judd, Mrs. Dave Reeder, Mrs. Gay McManus, Mrs. J. S. Price.

Sparta—F. C. Montgomery, J. F. Bennett, U. B. Davis, Mrs. U. B. Davis, Mrs. R. L. Harmon.

Pleasant Ridge—Cliff Robertson, N. L. Jennings, D. D. Dendy, M. T. Springer, Lon Neal.

Parkersburg—H. D. Ray, J. S. Sleigh, Otha Foster, D. A. Ray.

Houston—J. W. Hamilton, J. C. Davis, D. M. Hearn, J. H. Parker, Mrs. J. C. Beasley, Mrs. B. M. Smith, Mrs. M. H. Thornton.

Van Vleet—L. A. Martin, J. O. Carter, Mrs. L. A. Martin, Mrs. J. E. Atkinson, Mrs. W. F. Davis.

Buena Vista—Rev. S. R. Haughton, Miss Mary Haughton, Mrs. S. T. King, Miss Alma Haughton.

Shiloh—G. C. Warren, Mrs. M. A. Cole, G. C. Davis, Mrs. G. C. Davis, W. B. Sansing.

Woodland—L. H. Kirby, W. B. Freeman, Mrs. D. H. Davidson.

Providence—Lee Autrey, J. L. Smith, Mrs. S. L. Allen, Mrs. Mamie Ford, W. L. Colbert, S. L. Allen.

General work of the State Board of Missions was discussed by Rev. E. E. Ballard.

Song and prayer.

The Associational Sermon was preached by Rev. W. C. Stewart. The subject was "Things Left Undone."

The Moderator introduced the following: Bro. Furr, Bro. Ballard and Bro. Putman, of Vardaman, Calhoun Association.

The Association adjourned until 1:15.

THURSDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association reassembled at 1:15. After singing a hymn devotional services were conducted by Bro. Winter.

The Moderator announced Committee assignments as follows:

Committee on Resolutions—J. H. Ford, Rev. H. M. Collins; W. C. Stewart.

Committee on Necrology—W. J. Hamilton, G. C. Davis, Frank Thompson,

Committee on Program—W. C. Stewart, W. C. Ballard, W. O. Blount,

Committee on Evening Service—Rev. A. C. Furr and deacons of Arbor Grove Church.

Committee on Digest of Letters—Rev. W. C. Ballard, Rev. A. C. Furr, Gay McManus.

The Committee on Evening Services reported that Rev. M. C. Putman would preach Thursday evening.

The W. M. U. Work was taken up. Miss Lackey being absent, Mrs. J. C. Beasley presented the work in a short talk.

Called for miscellaneous business. Nothing was presented.

The Report on Christian Education was read by Rev. A. C. Furr as follows:

Report on Christian Education

The paramount need of Christian Education is to develop leadership in our churches. Schools and colleges filled with the spirit of Christ are absolutely necessary if we have the kind of leadership we need.

True education, is, of necessity, CHARACTER education. And that means Christian Education, without any modern thinning out of the word Christian. Just simply to store the mind and to put a sharp edge on the mental powers, may make a man a menace to society and worse. There must be true moral standards and judgements instilled, and a moral motive power put in, else the whole thing may thwart the chief objective in education.

All our American higher education was begun and fostered by the Christian Church. And that initiative should be most earnestly followed up. Education that is not distinctly Christian is distinctly dangerous, except as it may be affected by unconscious Christian influences.

Every longing, loving, hoping, trusting parent wants his and her son or daughter to fulfill the parental ideals, and many are the sacrifices made and prayers offered, that the cherished dream be realized. To this end he is to go to a great College. And what is a great college? That in which the members of the faculty are not only scholars and teachers but also earnest Christians, men and women of character and high purpose, with whom association would be helpful, in whom moral ideals are supreme; a college in which God's word is revered and studied and its teachings obeyed, from which its graduates go forth as true men, stamped with the noble ideals of their alma mater, and molded by the godly personalities under which influences they have lived and studied.

Our task, then, is to Christianize the culture and learning of the day and to make them do service for Him who is the Lord of life. The moral tide may go far out and leave broad stretches of the beach exposed to the heat of the summer sun, yet in the high economy of God this spiritual tide will return with all the power and strength of a regenerate humanity. May it be that our Christian colleges shall lead in this incoming tide of the Kingdom of God.

We have in our state three senior colleges and one junior college. Mississippi College located at Clinton for boys, and Mississippi Woman's College, located at Hattiesburg, and Blue Mountain College at Blue Mountain, for girls. These three are on the second list of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. This means that its graduates are eligible to teach in any southern high school.

The paramount need of our Mississippi Baptist Colleges is an adequate endowment. At the present, Mississippi College has \$650,000.00 endowment. Mississippi Woman's College is working for a \$500,000.00 endowment for the next five years. Blue Mountain has at present \$6,200.00 and planning to have it \$500,000.00 in the next five years.

At the present Blue Mountain and Mississippi Woman's Colleges are in the field for \$500,000.00 each for endowment. Mississippi Woman's College is to work the southern part of the state, and Blue Mountain College is to work the northern part by November the first.

Clark College is a co-educational Junior College. It does four years of high school work and two years of college work. The objective for the next five year period is an endowment of \$200,000.00, a new building and new equipment. These will come through the regular channels and from special gifts.

We also have two Theological Seminaries; one located at Fortworth, Texas, the other at Louisville, Kentucky. In these schools last year there were enrolled 1000 preachers. These schools are training preachers, teachers, missionaries and church workers for greater service.

Our Southern Baptist Theological Seminary is in field for \$2,000,000.00 for building purposes. This is to be used for erecting the new buildings on the new site. The present site is in the heart of the city of Louisville. This is something that should have been done several years back. The new location is in a more appropriate place and out from the noise and dust of the city.

We also have a mighty good school at New Orleans, La., "The Bible Institute". This school is located in the right place and doing a fine work. Here we have preachers and laymen in training. We have ladies also in training. They are going out to bless the world in different kinds of church work.

Respectfully,

A. C. Furr

The report was discussed by Rev. A. C. Furr, Rev. E. E. Ballard and H. F. Sanderson. The report was adopted as read.

The Endowment of Blue Mountain College was discussed by the Moderator, with Rev. W. C. Stewart in the chair.

The Report on Publications not being ready, Rev. E. E. Ballard discussed publications with the statement that the report would be read and discussed later.

The Report on Relief and Annuity Board was read by Rev. W. C. Ballard as follows:

Report of Relief and Annuity Board

The report of the Relief and Annuity Board for the last Convention year closed May 1, 1925, was one of the fairly good

years in the Board's history, notwithstanding the great financial depression and shortage of receipts.

The relief beneficiaries received during the year \$127,021.35; the beneficiaries of the Annuity Fund received \$10,103.58, making a total of \$137,124.93, which is more than the Board has paid out in benefits in any one year.

The Board repeated itself last December in sending out Christmas checks to beneficiaries, the amounts ranging from \$5.00 to \$10.00 each, according to the circumstances. The Board hopes to make this an annual habit.

The Board is now carrying on its roll 1086 beneficiaries; 600 aged ministers, 386 widows and about 100 orphan children.

The Board is also rendering aid to states which are wholly unable to provide for their retired preachers. It is spending thousands of dollars annually in this specific kind of aid. There was but little hope for a large class of dependent preachers until the Relief and Annuity Board was organized. The total amount donated to these states within the period of five years during the 75 Million Campaign was \$53,838.72.

The great, immediate, and all but desperate need of this Board is a fund that will yield for general relief alone \$100,000.00 per year in addition to what the Board would get from the regular budget. This statement has been made over and over again through our denominational press for the past two years. It is the one outstanding, glaring need of our Board, and should not be difficult to attain. We must continue to press this particular need. The Board can never begin to do the adequate thing until this fund is obtained. If some of our rich people could only see their way to make some large gifts to this Board, or to remember us in their wills.

Every minister, of course, knows that sooner or later, if he lives, he will have to retire to private life. It is sweet and assuring to know that when the time comes he can do so without being the humiliated object of charity; that he can still hold up his head and walk with self-respect among his brethren of the calling, because there has been provided by the gratitude and thoughtfulness and generosity of the people he served, at least a small competence to supplement his own meager means, so that in the latter days of his earthly life he will not have to eke out a

bare existence. Now, what we are trying to do is to bring just such a situation into our Southern Baptist ministry. The new plan, when once in operation, will absolutely do that.

W. C. Ballard.

The report was discussed by Rev. W. C. Ballard and Rev. E. E. Ballard. The report was adopted as read.

Rev. W. O. Blount urged a good attendance for Friday's session.

Assignment of homes for Messengers.

On motion the evening services were called in.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet at 10:00 o'clock Friday morning.

FRIDAY—MORNING SESSION

The Association met at 10:10 o'clock. Devotional exercises were conducted by Bro. Howard.

The Report on State Missions was read by Rev. W. C. Stewart as follows:

State Missions

The State Mission work is suffering greatly at the present time for funds to carry on the great work in the state. It has been suggested that a special campaign be put on during the month of October for the purpose of meeting the needs of our work in the state.

We have at the present time working in the field in the Sunday School Department Mr. J. E. Bird, Mr. E. C. Williams, Mr. Wyatt Hunter, Mr. Howard Spell, and Miss Minnie Brown. In the B. Y. P. U. Department, Miss Sallie Paine Morgan, Mr. Auber J. Wilds. In the W. M. U. Department, Miss Fannie Traylor, Miss M. M. Lackey, Mrs. A. J. Aven, and Miss Mamie Slaughter. In the Evangelistic Department, Rev. W. W. Kyzar, and W. E. Perry. For the Baptist Record Circulation and Advertising, Rev. E. E. Ballard. For Stewardship and Budget work, Rev. J. S. Deaton.

We are helping to pay the salaries of 62 pastors this year and are assisting 118 churches.

The following work was discontinued last year: Good Will

Center, Meridian, The Evangelistic Conference at Clinton, and the payment of expenses of the pastors attending the Baptist Bible Institute, also the salary of the Bible teacher at Jackson College and the Bible teacher for the midwinter at Jackson and at Natchez Colleges. This was on account of the lack of funds. The Board appropriated this year \$50,000.00 less than a year ago. The Board also discontinued the enlistment work and substituted therefor State Evangelistic work and Budget and Stewardship work.

We trust that the associations in their meetings will consider seriously the difficulties under which the State Board is laboring. There are many destitutions in the State and the number is enlarging all the while. This is due to the lack of State Mission funds with which to carry on the work. We can get the men if the churches will furnish the funds. But we do not think it wise to advance on borrowed money, neither to mar or destroy the cooperative plan and the budget system. The budget system is ideal. It simplifies our work and contributes towards efficiency. The remedy is for every church to give regularly and systematically through the budget system to all of the causes. We trust that everywhere during the associational period that strong emphasis shall be placed upon the budget system and urge the importance of making an every member canvass for the 1926 program at the appointed time.

The State Convention has for 1926 a goal of \$800,000.00. This means that the churches cannot reduce the apportionment if they expect the State to succeed in raising the amount set.

We also urge that the churches put forth their best efforts during the remainder of this year in raising every dollar possible for the 1925 program. There is no reason in the world why Mississippi Baptist should not advance. Whatever other States may do, let's see that Mississippi goes forward in the great Kingdom's work for the Master.

Here are some of the appropriations for the year as follows:

W. M. U. work	\$7,500.00
B. Y. P. U. work	6,000.00
Sunday School work	16,600.00
Negro Corresponding Secretary	360.00
Work among the Creoles	400.00

Religious work at the M. S. C. W.	2,400.00
Evangelistic and Stewardship work	10,500.00
Pastorial support	20,000.00
Church building purposes	23,000.00
provided collections justify this much for that purpose; otherwise	15,000.00
Indian work	400.00

Submitted

W. C. Stewart

The Report on W. M. U. was read by Mrs. D. C. Dulaney in place of Mrs. Beasley as follows:

Woman's Missionary Union

The W. M. U. of Mississippi is endeavoring to go forward "under the watchword of the year, which is "Go ye into all the world, and ye shall be my witnesses."

The methods adopted for the carrying out of this endeavor are three-fold:

1. The unified program. Every organization is urged to accept the program as given out by the State Board to the individual church, and to see that all funds collected by the W. M. U. organizations are handled by the church treasurer.
2. The W. M. U., at the state meeting in April adopted the tithe as the minimum offering of each individual member.
3. The W. M. U. is making every effort to organize societies in our rural churches: To this end the State W. M. U. is endeavoring to secure the sum of \$600.00 promised by the Sunday School Board to the state provided we raise an equal amount for this purpose.

The Third District \$100. Chickasaw \$10.00.

The W. M. U. asks the prayerful cooperation of the associations in the carrying out of these aims.

One important change in the W. M. U. policy is that of making the fiscal year coincide with the calendar year. January is now the first month of our first quarter. Our associational W. M. U. work is making wonderful progress. We have nine societies doing splendid work. We only lack one point of being an A1 association and that is having a woman's society in three fourths of our churches.

Submitted,

Mrs. J. C. Beasley

The Report was adopted as read.

The Report on B. Y. P. U. Work was read by Bro. J. H. Ford as follows:

Report on B. Y. P. U. Work

This report will set forth briefly some facts and figures, ideas and ideals regarding the B. Y. P. U., the Training Department of our churches. Much has been said and much more is to be said on the subject, for no department of our denominational work has made such rapid advances or promises so great a future as does the B. Y. P. U. work. As we look back to ten years ago, we see only 5,490 B. Y. P. U.s with a membership of 22,470 operating in the Southern Baptist Convention. In ten years we have grown to where we are able to report 17,739 B. Y. P. U.s with an enrollment of 552,504, more than a half a million, and a record of definite study by our young people with reference to our denominational life, church membership and B. Y. P. U. methods we gave out 94,500 B. Y. P. U. awards during the year 1924, whereas ten years ago we had a very simple course of study with a very few who seriously studied any book.

The present plan of organization of the B. Y. P. U. makes it a definite Training Department of the church, taking in, practically every member of the church. It therefore ceases to be an organization for a select few. The modern idea and ideal of B. Y. P. U. finds expression in "The General B. Y. P. U. Organization." The General B. Y. P. U. Organization is very much like the Sunday School organization with a General Director and other general officers with a joint meeting each Sunday of all the B. Y. P. U.s of the church in either an opening or closing exercise with a general Standard of Excellence as a guide for the combined work of all unions in the church. Each department, Junior, Intermediate, Senior and Adult continues to be a complete organization within itself with its officers, committees, etc., and of course its own Standard of Excellence. We have splendid literature on the "General B. Y. P. U. Organization", consisting of a book "A General B. Y. P. U. Organization" and tracts that may be had for the asking.

The "Associational B. Y. P. U." still ranks as our best

propagating agency. Through it we can reach every church in the association for B. Y. P. U. work. The B. Y. P. U. work in this Association has not yet been organized as such. The Church at Houston arranged for an Associational Meeting of the B. Y. P. U.s of the County for August 30, and had all plans made to invite those of other churches in the Association. After it was too late to give notice of a change of date and to arrange for this meeting later, it was discovered that this date conflicted with other engagements of the Denominational Work and had to be dispensed with for the time. It is to be hoped that the Association Work may be organized for the ensuing Association-al year.

No longer can it be said that only the city and town church can have a B. Y. P. U.; for we find some of our best B. Y. P. U.s in the far removed country church. Our record for Mississippi shows that 47 percent of the B. Y. P. U.s in the State are in rural churches (counting all villages of 1,000 population and under as rural). Every church could and should have at least one B. Y. P. U. and most churches should have a fully graded department including the Juniors, Intermediate, and Senior unions. The B. Y. P. U. can be organized in any church where there is one person who is willing to study and learn the work, and then willing to stick by the job.

Our State Secretary, Mr. Wilds, has set our "Aim" or "Goal" for this year, 1500 B. Y. P. U.s and a thousand churches with a B. Y. P. U. Last year we reached our goal, and we are hoping that this may be true this year. We now have more than eleven hundred B. Y. P. U.s in the State.

We recommend that every church in our association undertake the organization of a B. Y. P. U. If you think you need help write to Mr. Auber J. Wilds, Oxford, Mississippi, State B. Y. P. U. Secretary, who will be glad to help any church to get started in the work.

J. H. Ford

The Report was discussed by J. H. Ford. The Report was adopted as read.

The Report on Sunday Schools was read by Rev. H. M. Collins as follows:

Report on Sunday Schools

No department of Church activity is more important than its Bible teaching work. It has been long recognized as an essential factor in the Kingdom progress, evidenced by the fact that a large percentage of church additions come through the Sunday School.

The New Testament Church is charged with the three-fold duty of preaching, teaching, and administering the church ordinances. Preaching has always had its primary place, but teaching has been sadly neglected. Since the organization of our Sunday School Board by the Southern Baptist Convention at Birmingham, wonderful progress has been made. We have come to recognize the importance of enlisting both the old and young in the study of the Bible. To do this three things became imperative: graded lessons, graded teachers, and an adequate building. The graded literature has been very happily worked out. But graded teachers (or trained leaders) and building equipment in many instances have not been adequately provided. However, the Sunday School Department of the Convention Board has endeavored to help remedy the inefficiency by fostering a teacher training department and an architectural department at the disposal of any church.

Our teacher training department has two field workers available for our rural churches. Last year there were almost five thousand awards. For the coming year our slogan is five thousand diplomas and hundreds of seals.

To foster Christian fellowship, Christian recreation and opportunity for Christian leadership two great meetings have been provided: our assembly held at Gulfport during the summer, and our Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Convention at McComb City in March, 1926.

We most urgently recommend that each church grade its Sunday School, foster a teacher training class, organize a B. Y. P. U., and plan to be largely represented at our assembly and convention the coming year.

Respectively submitted,

H. M. Collins

The report was discussed by Rev. H. M. Collins.
The report was adopted as read.

The Report on Hospitals was read by Bro. J. W. Hamilton as follows:

Report on Hospitals

Our hospital is nearing the close of its fifteenth year and the work has developed amazingly since its origin. During that time it has cared for hundreds of patients. The free work alone running into thousands of dollars combined with the free services of its doctors in the relief of suffering humanity.

At the present time we have about completed our \$50,000 Nurses Home. We will owe a balance of \$27,000 on the building, and we are badly in need of funds to furnish this building, which will cost within the neighborhood of \$7,000 to furnish rooms, living room and chapel. Our work has increased so rapidly that we are badly in need of a new wing to include a clinical laboratory, physio Therapy department and out-patient department, pharmacy and delivery room so that we may keep abreast with the medical profession in a scientific way.

We have 43 bed rooms, one living room, one matron's office, three dons, one kitchenette, one chapel. The furniture we need for bed rooms (they are designed for two in a room) is twin beds (prefer metal mahogany), two mattresses, two pillows, two chairs, one dresser, one bedside table, one reading lamp, two rugs, two blankets, eight sheets, two pillow cases, three scarfs, two shades and curtains. The approximate cost of furnishing a bed room, as mentioned, would be \$150 or probably less if bought all together. The living room should be furnished with good substantial modern furniture, including a sectional book case, for approximately \$500. If each hospital auxiliary could see their way clear to furnish a room or get someone interested in doing so, it will be quite a help and a splendid thing for them to do for the nurses, for they give their services for the benefit of suffering humanity and deserve at least a comfortable place to rest, and we are not asking for any luxuries for them.

Respectfully submitted by the Committee

The report was discussed by Bro. Hamilton and adopted as read.

The Report on Orphanage was read by Mrs. Spurgeon Allen as follows:

Report on Orphanage

We have had in the Orphanage during the year an average of 172 children. We have now in the Home 177. The health of the children has been generally good, we have had two epidemics, one of "flu" and one of mumps. We have had five operations for appendicitis, and 29 for tonsillitis. The health of the children is excellent now and has been during the spring and summer.

We have eight months school during the year, and most of our children made their grades. We have a good Sunday School and good Intermediate and Junior B. Y. P. U.'s. 19 of our children were baptized into the fellowship of Davis Memorial Church during our revival.

We have prospects for a good crop.

Our finances are running short. You will see from the Gem each month we are not getting more than one-third of our expenses. Our surplus fund that we have been drawing on for two years is about out, and we will have to look to our Churches and Sunday Schools for our living. If all the Churches would make liberal contributions to our benevolent causes, the Orphanage, as well as all other objects, would be amply provided for. We are leaving it to the Associations to make their own plans to take care of our orphan children.

The report was adopted as read.

Rev. W. C. Stewart discussed the State Mission Report and other reports in a general way.

The Report on State Missions was adopted as read.

The Report on Home Missions was read by Rev. M. C. Putman as follows:

Report on Home Missions

The Home Mission Board presented its eightieth annual report to the Southern Baptist Convention last May in Memphis, Tennessee. Eighty years of service by this board since its

organization in 1845 constitute a real romance in Home Missions. Through many vicissitudes and steady and unvarying purpose for the salvation of the lost and the up-building of the Kingdom in our Southland, the Home Mission Board presents an unbroken history of fidelity and spiritual conquest.

It has been for Southern Baptists the one great constructive, cooperative and unifying agency. It has been the foster-mother of our weaker enterprises, the founder and support of thousands of our churches and the forerunner of most all our State Conventions and a stimulating factor in their organization and progress.

The Board in its report presented a significant comparison as follows:

1845—1903 Money Raised, \$3,520,000.00; Missionaries, 10,586; Stations, 39,975; Baptisms, 82,742; Churches Organized, 3,649.

1903—1924 Money Raised, \$13,731,965.99; Missionaries, 27,468; Stations, 72,829; Baptisms, 642,492; Churches Organized, 4,524.

For the last twenty-five years the advance in Home Missions has been at times remarkable and always continuous and healthy. It reached its highest point in 1920, the first year of the 75-Million Campaign. Since that time, due to various causes but chiefly to the falling off in receipts, the Board has made severe and drastic retrenchment in many phases of its work. In some instances such severe retrenchment has brought the work to the verge of calamity. The Board has had to stand still in the face of countless calls and unwonted opportunities. Fields ripe for the harvest have cried out for the sickle of the reaper and the Board has not been able to thrust laborers sufficient into harvest fields to garner the grain.

At the recent annual meeting in June, on account of the heavy and burdensome debt, the Board had to still further retrench. Enlargement, on the contrary, is called for in every direction:

First, in an increase of forces; second, in better equipment.

The Board has need for at least fifty capable young women and as many men in the field at home and a half dozen young women for Cuba.

In equipment the needs are even greater. For school buildings in El Paso, Texas, and Havana, Cuba; the enlargement and better equipment of our thirty mountain schools; at least fifty chapels in the homeland and Cuba and Panama. The greatest need of the Board just now is a mighty increase in financial receipts to lift the heavy burden of debt and prepare for the recovery of lost ground and to enter new fields that are white unto harvest.

Notwithstanding the retrenchments made, the Board presents a year of wonderful results:

With 1,077 missionaries, they report 49,218 churches and stations occupied; 2,318 sermons and addresses; 30,027 additions by baptism; 4,896 by letter; total additions 50,354; 210 churches constituted; 355 church houses built or improved; 608 Sunday Schools organized; distributed 12,995 Bibles and Testaments.

The Home Mission field was never so great and urgent as now. To save our own land is a condition of saving the lost in distant lands. Home missions furnish the great base of supplies for the work at home and afar.

Let's remember the Board and all its work in our prayers and come with greater liberality in our gifts!

The report was discussed by Bro. Putman, Rev. W. C. Stewart suggested that we suggest the organization of a tithers band in each church. The report was adopted as read.

The Association adjourned until 1:15.

FRIDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association came together at 1:15. Devotional services were conducted by Bro. Hamilton.

The Report on Foreign Missions was called for. Rev. J. F. Tully, who was to have written the report, being absent, the Moderator suggested that the matter be thrown open for general discussion and that Bro. Tully be requested to furnish the report to the Clerk for publication. By unanimous consent this suggestion was adopted. The discussion was opened by Rev. W. O. Blount. Further discussion by Rev. H. M. Collins, Rev. W. C. Stewart and Rev. A. C. Furr.

The Report on Co-operative Program and Stewardship was read by Rev. W. O. Blount as follows:

Report on Cooperative Program and Stewardship

The Cooperative Program of Southern Baptists is an effort to make adequate provision for the support of all our general Baptist causes, other than purely local church enterprises. It embraces the care of our aged preachers, an adequate maintenance of our Baptist hospitals, orphanages, schools, and state, home and foreign missions, by all of our forces working at the same task at the same time. In a few states, associational missions is also embraced in the Program.

In a word, the Cooperative Program is a practical effort at solution by our great Southern Baptist Convention of the problem of uniting the efforts of all our churches, which are pure democracies, in the kingdom tasks fostered by our denomination external to the local work of the churches so that each cause may receive no more nor less than its proportionate share.

Our great missionary enterprises are already organized and functioning. Our orphanages, hospitals, schools, all are working units. These must be cared for. Scattered effort is not practical. United and cooperative effort, where our wisest men have worked out fair apportionments for all causes is the common sense solution of the problem.

Stewardship is the full realization of the Bible teaching that all that we are and have belongs to God and we are His stewards, in the use of His own under His leading. That the aim of His steward is the doing of His work that glory may come to His name and that His Kingdom may come.

The two taken together—Stewardship and the Cooperative Program—will put our work on a combined spiritual and practical plane that will do away with criticism and waste. We heartily recommend that every church in our association support most generously the Cooperative Program, assuming Wherever possible the Boards apportionment. And that all of our churches preach and teach and practice the doctrine of stewardship.

Respectfully submitted,
W. O. Blount.

This report was discussed by Rev. W. O. Blount who read the State Board's suggestions as to amounts to be raised by the different Churches and asked that it be printed in the minutes. There being no objection, it was so ordered. The report was adopted.

The State Board's Suggestions are as follows:

Church	Membership	Goal for 1926
Arbor Grove	124	\$300.00
Bethel	164	350.00
Buena Vista	28	250.00
Center Hill	50	150.00
Egypt	37	300.00
Friendship	63	200.00
Houlka	184	1,000.00
Houston	225	4,000.00
McCondy		100.00
Mt. Olive	83	250.00
New Prospect		100.00
New Salem		100.00
Okolona	312	3,000.00
Parkersburg	61	200.00
Pleasant Grove	149	300.00
Pleasant Ridge	196	400.00
Providence	107	450.00
Schooner Valley		100.00
Shiloh	105	300.00
South Okolona		100.00
Sparta		100.00
Van Vleet	60	400.00
Woodland	61	350.00
		\$13,400.00

The Report on Digest of Letters not being present, it was announced that the Clerk and Chairman of the committee would complete the digest.

A round table discussion of our problems was led by the Moderator. He suggested that:

1st. We should function as a organization throughout the year.

- 2nd. The Budget Plan for each Church.
 3rd. The field for work in B. Y. B. U., W. M. U.
 and Sunday Schools in the Association.
 4th. We ought to have an Executive Committee
 or some other organization.

The Treasurers Report was read and adopted.

Treasurer's Report

Associational Funds

Woodland	
Egypt	\$3.00
Center Hill	4.00
Pleasant Ridge	1.50
Sparta	4.00
Mt. Olive	3.17
Okolona	5.75
Buena Vista	10.00
Bethel	1.00
Parkersburg	3.05
Shiloh	1.00
Arbor Grove	1.50
Houlka	1.25
Van Vleet	6.00
Providence	3.30
Houston	3.50
	5.00
	57.02

Other Objects

Parkersburg	
Orphans Home	
Missions	2.00
Shiloh	9.00
Missions	
Total Missions	14.00
	23.00

Respectfully Submitted,

T. A. House

Houston, Miss. Route 1.

The Committee on Resolutions reported as follows:

Report on Resolutions

We recommend time for Association for 1926 Thursday and Friday after the first Monday in October; Place, Houston.

Preacher of Associational Sermon, Rev. H. M. Collins, Van Vleet.

Member of State Convention Board, Rev. W. O. Blount, Okolona.

Messenger to Southern Baptist Convention, Rev. A. C. Furr, Houlka, Miss.

Associational Messenger to State Convention, F. E. Rutledge, Houston.

Members of Executive Board, J. S. Price, Okolona, chairman, J. O. Harwood, Houlka. Rev. W. C. Stewart, Houston, Rev. W. O. Blount, Okolona, J. W. Hamilton, Houston.

Program Committee—W. C. Stewart, W. C. Ballard, W. O. Blount.

Resolved that the heartiest thanks and appreciation of the delegates and representatives composing the Chickasaw County Baptist Association be extended to Arbor Grove Church and community for the splendid entertainment given during this session.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. H. Ford,

H. M. Collins,

W. C. Stewart.

The report was adopted as read.

On motion the points suggested by the Moderator not otherwise cared for be referred to the Program Committee. The motion was carried.

The Report on Necrology was read and adopted as follows:

Report on Necrology

We your committee on Necrology, find that death has claimed nineteen of our number since we last met together. The reported dead are as follows:

Arbor Grove—Mrs. Annie Houser.

Bethel—Mrs. W. H. Morris and Mrs. Elizabeth Chatman.

Houlka—W. L. Abernethy.

Houston—Mrs. C. M. Pratt, L. B. Bays, R. C. Kirby, W. L. Huddleston, Miss Belle Goza and L. R. Brooks.
 Okolona—Tom Darden, O. Choat, I. V. Abernethy, Mrs. C. M. Savage and Mrs. Lucile Neubert McRae,
 Parkersburg—Eugene Coleman.
 Pleasant Ridge—Paden Owen and Mrs. Donie Nabors.
 Providence—W. A. Ford.

There being no further business, the Association adjourned until the next session in course.

W. T. QUINN,
 Clerk.

J. S. PRICE,
 Moderator.

The Woman's Missionary Union Meeting

MORNING SESSION

The W. M. U. Associational Rally of the Chickasaw County Association met October 8th with the Arbor Grove Church. A good representation from the different Unions was present.

Mrs. R. W. Chandler led the devotional by reading a portion of the 25th chapter of Matthew, her subject being Stewardship. Mrs. Dendy led in prayer that all might be better stewards. The ladies of the Arbor Grove Church then extended a hearty welcome which was responded to by Mrs. DeMerville.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. On roll call it was found that representatives were present from every Union in the Association except one.

The President, in making a report of the year's work, expressed appreciation of the hearty co-operation given by the different organizations and stated that several new organizations had been perfected, and that now only one point was lacking in the Standard of Excellence.

Committees were appointed as follows:

Committee on Nominations—Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Woodruff and Mrs. Smith.

Committee on Resolutions—Mrs. L. E. DeM'oville, Mrs. Dave Reeder and Mrs. Collins.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was called to order by the president, Mrs. J. C. Beasley. Mrs. Woodruff, of Houlka, led the devotional by reading the 91st Psalm. Mrs. Furr, of Houlka, led in prayer.

The Report of the Committee on By-Laws was called for. The report was read and adopted.

The Committee on Nominations submitted the following list of officers for the next associational year:

President, Mrs. J. C. Beasley, Houston

Vice President, Mrs. Annie Clark, Okolona

Secretary, Mrs. Mattie Thornton, Houston

Young People's Leader, Mrs. L. E. DeM'oville,
R. F. D. No. 1, Egypt

Mission Study Leader, Mrs. R. W. Chandler,
Okolona

Stewardship Leader, Mrs. Stacy

Personal Service, Mrs. Hays

The meeting adjourned to meet again in November with Mrs. L. E. DeM'oville, R. F. D. No. 1, Egypt, Miss.

MRS. J. C. BEASLEY,

MRS. J. S. PRICE,
Secretary.

President.

Pastors, Clerks and Membership

CHURCHES	PASTORS & P. O.	CLERKS & P. O.	Increase					Total Membership	Pres. Membership				
			Baptized		By Letter	Restoration	By Letter		Excluded	Died			
Arbor Grove	A. C. Furr, Houlika	Annie Lou Davis, Houston.	124	6				124	6				1125
Bethel	M. C. Putman, Calhoun City	Miss Thelma Lyles, Houston	162	11	3			162	11	3			2166
Buena Vista	H. M. Collins, Van Vleet.	Mrs. S. T. King, Juena Vista	14		6			14		6			24
Center Hill	T. H. Winter, Algoma	W. M. Helms, Van Vleet.	43	1	1			43	1	1			46
Egypt	H. M. Collins, Van Vleet.	J. A. King, Egypt	39	7				39	7				42
Houlika	A. C. Furr, Houlika	J. O. Harwood, Houlika	186	20	13			186	20	13			1196
Houston	W. C. Stewart, Houston	W. A. Wilkinson, Houston.	223	27	44			223	27	44			6280
Mt. Olive	W. C. Ballard, Aberdeen	E. M. Sullivan, Okolona.	95	3	2			95	3	2			83
Okolona	W. O. Blount, Okolona	J. S. Price, Okolona	294	23	31			294	23	31			5323
Parkersburg	M. C. Putman, Calhoun City	Otha Foster, Houston.	64	10	3			64	10	3			171
Pleasant Ridge	M. C. Putman, Calhoun City	D. D. Dendy, Woodland.	196					196					2178
Providence	W. C. Ballard, Aberdeen	Mrs. S. L. Allen, McCondy	120	5	2			120	5	2			1118
Shiloh	J. F. Tully, Troy.	W. R. Pannell, Troy	112	23	1			112	23	1			132
Sparta	C. E. Bland, Pheba	J. R. Bennett, Woodland	74	9	6			74	9	6			84
Van Vleet	H. M. Collins, Van Vleet.	H. D. Ashby, Van Vleet	62	1	3			62	1	3			66
Woodland	C. Stewart, Houston	J. P. Crasthwait, Woodland	12	3				12	3				82

Financial Statistics

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Other Objects	Total Local	Through Board	Sent Direct	Total to Causes	Building Etc.	Total Raised	Value Church & Grounds	Pastor's Home	Indebtedness	Insurance
Arbor Grove	125	7 00	132 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	132 00	1000	.....	.....	.....
Bethel	150	184 53	334 55	.....	22 00	22 00	.....	356 55	1000	.....	.....	.....
Buena Vista	80	19 07	99 07	.....	.....	60 00	.....	159 07	800	.....	.....	.....
Center Hill	75	21 50	97 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	97 50	1000	.....	.....	.....
Egypt	240	137 35	377 35	185 00	.....	185 00	519 73	1144 44	1000	.....	.....	.....
Houlka	600	552 30	1158 30	.....	.....	171 75	16 00	1168 30	1000	2000	.....	5000
Houston	2400	1640 63	4040 63	1450 00	18 00	1468 00	2280 80	7789 43	25000	4000	2000	14000
Mt. Olive	150	63 75	213 75	.....	.....	37 75	130 76	344 51	1500	.....	.....	.....
Okolona	2700	2159 74	4869 74	3149 44	173 20	3322 61	6859 17	15051 52	37371	4000	15000	20500
Parkersburg	150	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1000	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Ridge	150	35 00	185 00	18 23	.....	18 23	.....	203 23	800	.....	.....	.....
Providence	150	98 50	248 40	37 50	.....	37 50	.....	286 00	500	.....	.....	.....
Shiloh	100	39 40	139 40	13 00	.....	13 00	.....	152 40	1250	.....	.....	.....
Sparta	125	3 17	128 17	.....	.....	.....	.....	128 17	175	.....	.....	.....
Van Vleet	200	52 50	252 50	68 00	.....	.....	.....	320 50	1500	.....	.....	.....
Woodland	300	93 00	393 00	.....	.....	28 35	.....	421 35	500	.....	.....	.....

Auxiliary Statistics

CHURCH	Sunday School		BYPU Organizations	W. M. U.	
	Teachers	Enrolled Amount	Enrollment Organizations	Enrollment Amount	
Bethel.....	6	127			
Buena Vista.....	7	45			
Center Hill.....	5	22			
Egypt.....	7	60			
Houlka.....	18	193	\$ 12 50	1	5 \$ 49 86
Houston.....	21	326	75 75	2 58	2 47 183 15
Mt. Olive.....	7	91	4 60	3	137 404 25
Okolona.....	35	205		1	16 15 16
Parkersburg...	4	49	2	6	52 2391 61
Providence.....	4	35			
Sparta.....	6	63	12 00		
Van Vleet.....		112			
Woodland.....	6	94		1	8

